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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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***COPPER FIRE – SECOND UPDATE***

The brush fire that started yesterday in Saugus continues to burn and is known as the Copper Incident. Given wind changes in the fire area, we are providing a second update: At approximately 12:30 p.m. this afternoon, winds picked up on the Copper Fire causing the fire to rapidly progress up San Francisquito Canyon threatening Fire Suppression Camp 14 as well as the community of Green Valley.

The fire has crossed over San Francisquito Road and fire resources are presently protecting structures at Fire Camp 14. Evacuation has been initiated in the community of Green Valley and is currently being conducted by the Sheriff's Department.

At this time, we are projecting the fire will reach Green Valley sometime between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. this afternoon. The community of Green Valley consists of approximately 450 dwellings and about 1,100 residents. These dwellings are on Forest Service land, but the structural protection responsibilities are with the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District.

Engine companies have been deployed to the community of Green Valley to prepare the structures to the greatest extent possible for the potential fire front, and will be in place for structural protection if the fire reaches the community.

Please let me know if you require further information.

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